

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for forming a device isolation film, comprising the steps of:

- 5 (a) sequentially forming a pad oxide film and a pad nitride film on a semiconductor substrate;
- (b) selectively etching the pad nitride film to form a nitride film pattern;
- 10 (c) etching the pad oxide film and a predetermined thickness of the semiconductor substrate using the nitride film pattern as a hard mask to form a trench;
- (d) forming a thermal oxide film on the surface of the trench;
- 15 (e) performing an annealing process under NH₃ atmosphere to form an oxide nitride film on the surface of the thermal oxide film;
- (f) forming a liner nitride film on the entire surface;
- 20 (g) forming an oxide film filling the trench on the entire surface; and
- (h) performing a planarization process.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step (e) comprises a plasma NH₃ nitridation or a thermal

NH₃ nitridation.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step (e) is performed at a temperature ranging from 600 to
5 900°C.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step (e) is performed at a pressure ranging from 5 mTorr to 200 Torr.

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5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the steps (e) and (f) are performed under in-situ, in-chamber or cluster condition.

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6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step (f) is performed in a LPCVD furnace or a LPCVD single chamber.

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7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the step (f) is performed at a temperature ranging from 600 to 900°C.

8. The method according to claim 6, wherein the step (f) is performed at a pressure ranging from 0.1 to 10

Torr.

9. The method according to claim 6, wherein the step (f) is performed using one or more gases selected from 5 the group consisting of SiH₄, SiCl₄ and SiH₂Cl₂ as silicon source gases, and using one or more gases selected from the group consisting of NH₃ and N₂ as nitrogen source gases.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the 10 supply ratio of nitrogen source gas to silicon source gas is 1 : 1 ~ 20 : 1.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step (f) further comprises the step of forming a thermal 15 oxide film on a liner nitride film and performing an annealing process.

12. A semiconductor device fabricated by the method of Claim 1.